

Drawings

The present application has been amended to include one sheet of drawings, see the June 13, 2002 Preliminary Amendment. However, the Examiner has not indicated whether the drawings are acceptable. The Examiner is requested to indicate whether the drawings are acceptable in the next communication.

Conclusion

In view of the above-amendments and comments, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. A notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for an extension of three (3) months to September 23, 2003 in which to file a reply to the Office Action. The required fee of \$930.00 is enclosed with the Notice of Appeal which is being filed concurrently herewith.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he is requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D. (#43,575) at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

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